

DELEGATE JOHNSON: Parliamentary inquiry.

THE PRESIDENT: State the inquiry.

DELEGATE JOHNSON: Would you be kind enough to recite for us Amendment No. 6, the amendment that we are about to vote on with respect to reconsideration. It has been amended. Would I be correct in assuming that the motion that is before us is the amendment as amended, or as the amendments have been accepted to it originally, and not when it was originally reconsidered?

THE PRESIDENT: Amendment No. 6 which is the subject of reconsideration is in the printed form except for the fact that in line 7 after the word "records", the words "as defined by law" were inserted.

For what purpose does Delegate Della rise?

DELEGATE DELLA: Mr. President, I believe we are in Convention?

THE PRESIDENT: That is correct.

DELEGATE DELLA: And under Rule 54 no question may be reconsidered more than once except if the reconsideration is moved by direction of the Committee on Style, Drafting and Arrangement, or by the convention committee which reported on the matter to be reconsidered, or if moved after submission of a petition signed by fifteen delegates to the Convention. I think this reconsideration is not by fifteen members.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Della, as the Chair announced earlier, I do not remember whether it was today or yesterday in response to a query from Delegate Johnson, as the Chair interprets Rule 54 it is applicable as stated in paragraph A of the Rule to a reconsideration of any question finally adopted or rejected by the Convention and is not applicable to reconsideration of action on amendments or secondary questions. It would be applicable, for instance, on a motion to reconsider the vote by which a Committee Recommendation was finally adopted or rejected on second reading. It is not applicable to the preliminary consideration of amendments and that is the practice that we have been following.

For what purpose does Delegate Mentzer rise?

DELEGATE MENTZER: Point of parliamentary inquiry.

THE PRESIDENT: State the inquiry.

DELEGATE MENTZER: Has the Convention acted on section 1.12, imprisonment for debt?

THE PRESIDENT: If you mean by action, has it considered amendments? Yes.

If you mean by action has it finally adopted it, it has not, because that would come on the vote for the adoption of the Committee Recommendation. I am not sure which you meant. We have considered amendments.

DELEGATE MENTZER: I thought we were to have it printed before us before we took some final action on that particular section. Am I wrong?

THE PRESIDENT: I think it has been distributed.

Amendment No. 9, which was the amendment marked AA, has been distributed.

For what purpose does Delegate Dukes rise?

DELEGATE DUKES: If appropriate, Mr. President, I would like to move to lay the previous motion and all previous questions on the table.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Dukes, your motion would be in order. If it is adopted, it would lay on the table completely all action with respect to Committee Recommendation S&D-9. Is that your intention?

DELEGATE DUKES: Is it the Chair's ruling it cannot be made with respect to a specific motion on the floor at this time?

THE PRESIDENT: It cannot be made with respect to the motion to move the previous motion alone. That is true. It would carry with it all the questions covered.

DELEGATE DUKES: If the Chair so rules, I would appeal that ruling of the Chair.

THE PRESIDENT: Well, you would have to indicate to what you intend the motion to apply.

DELEGATE DUKES: I intend the motion to apply only to Delegate Bennett's motion which would move all previous questions. I wish to lay that motion on the table. Your ruling is that I cannot do that, that I can only lay the entire matter before us on the table—

THE PRESIDENT: No, that is not my ruling. No, my ruling is that you can make the ruling, but that the effect of the motion is to lay on the table everything embraced